IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND Baltimore Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.

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5 JENKINS ROAD
CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD
Defendant

And

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WAYNE M. BYERLY
Claimant

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GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Claimant.

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WAYNE M. BYERLY'S ANSWER TO VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE

Wayne M. Bylery, Claimant, by undersigned counsel, in Answer to the Verified Complaint for Forfeiture says:

First Defense

1. That the Complaint fails to state a cause of action against defendant upon which relief can be granted.

Second Defense

2. That the relief seeking forfeiture of the subject property violates the Excessive Fines Clause of the Eight Amendment.

Answer to Specific Averments

- 3. That Claimant admits the allegations contained in Paragraphs1 through 4 of the Complaint.
- 4. That Claimant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Complaint.
- 5. That Paragraph 6 of the Complaint does not contain specific allegations that Claimant is required to respond for it contains statements of various parties.

WHEREFORE, Wayne M. Byerly requests the Verified Complaint be dismissed.

VERIFICATION

I, Wayne M. Byerly declare under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

s/s Wayne M. Byerly Wayne M. Byerly

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Attorney for Claimant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on October 28, 2004 that a copy of the foregoing was sent via electronic mail and by first class mail, postage prepaid to Richard C. Kay, Esquire, Assistant United States Attorney, United States Courthouse, 101 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

<u>/s/ C. Thomas Brown</u> C. Thomas Brown